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General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Informal high-level meeting on "The role of Member States in mediation"[1]

Opening

10 a.m. . . . . General Assembly Hall

Statements

10.15 a.m. . . . . General Assembly Hall

Panel discussion: "The challenge of coherence, coordination and complementarity among various actors in mediation processes"

3 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Moderator:
Mr. Edward C. Luck, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General

Closing

5 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Award ceremony

5.10 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

[1] A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 14 May 2012, containing the updated programme and the concept note, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Tuesday, 29 May 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, for the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General (A/66/770) and the draft resolution (A/66/L.45) under agenda item 130 (Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Friday, 8 June 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to elect the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session (agenda item 4). Immediately following the plenary meeting, the Main Committees will hold their consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their Chairs at the sixty-seventh session (agenda item 5) and their respective Bureaux. Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees, the General Assembly will hold another plenary meeting to elect the Vice-Presidents at its sixty-seventh session (agenda item 6). The Chairs of regional groups who have not yet communicated their nominations are requested to do so, *as soon as possible*, in order to facilitate the scheduled elections in a timely manner. Communications may be sent by e-mail (muturi@un.org) or sent by fax (1 (212) 963-3783). Telephone inquiries may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Mary Muturi (tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Round tables

All delegations (all States Members of the United Nations, the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State, Palestine, in its capacity as observer, and the European Union, in its capacity as observer) wishing to participate in the round tables, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 66/197 (A/RES/66/197), are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, *in writing*, by e-mail (Mr. Dino Del-Vasto (del-vasto@un.org)) or by fax (1 (212) 963-5305), indicating the name and level of the participant and the preferred round table.

Inscription, maintained in accordance with the level of representation and on a first-come, first-served basis, is open. Statements in the round tables *should not exceed three minutes*. Any inquiry should be directed to Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5816).

The deadline for inscription by United Nations system entities and other accredited intergovernmental organizations to the round tables has expired. For inquiries in this regard, please contact Ms. Federica Pietracci (e-mail pietracci@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8497).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Accreditation of national security personnel

Permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to submit applications for national security personnel to the attention of the Department of Safety and Security in New York. Pre-accreditation will be accepted for processing by the Special Services Unit (c/o Captain William Ball (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7531; room L-0113Q; fax 1 (212) 963-1833)). Applications will be received until *Friday, 25 May 2012*. From Monday, 4 June 2012, onwards, all accreditation requests must be submitted to the United Nations Security and Safety Service at the Riocentro Convention Center (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September. The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 146 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Cross cutting issues (A/66/679, A/C.5/66/8, A/C.5/66/15, A/66/591, A/66/591/Add.1, A/66/699, A/66/718, A/66/286 (Part II) and A/66/714)); and

Agenda item 164 (Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (A/66/596, A/66/695 and A/66/718/Add.16))

General Assembly

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation

Seventeenth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, the new directions strategy for South-South cooperation and the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South- South Cooperation (SSC/17/1) [2]

Actions arising from previous sessions of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, notably at its sixteenth session in 2010 (SSC/17/3) . . . . . [3]

Consideration of reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (SSC/17/2) . . . . . [4]

(a) Implementation by the organizations of the United Nations development system of the Guidelines for the Review of Policies and Procedures concerning Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

(b) Organizational, administrative and financial arrangements of the United Nations Development Programme in support of South-South cooperation

Conclusion of general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Thematic discussion on the theme "Promoting socio-economic transformation through infrastructure development, employment creation, social cohesion and the transfer of appropriate technology using South-South cooperation" . . . . . [5]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)
Executive meeting

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution)
Twenty-fifth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2012 resumed session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 22nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.19, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.20, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.21, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.22, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.23, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.24, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.25, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.26, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.27, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.28, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.29, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.30 and E/C.2/2012/R.3/Add.1)[1] . . . . . [3 (b)]

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2012/CRP.5 and E/C.2/2012/CRP.7) [3 (a)]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2012/CRP.5 and E/C.2/2012/CRP.7) [3 (a)]

[Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation is available at <www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online paperless committee system <http://csonet.org/ngocommittee>, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions. Members may also wish to take advantage of the PaperSmart e-services offered by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM). Delegations and participants attending the session are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).]

[1] Restricted documents of the Committee.

General Assembly

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the Executive Board of UN-Women, as follows: *today*, 23 May 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB), on the draft decision on the regional architecture review; and *tomorrow*, 24 May, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the 19th Floor Conference Room, UN-Women headquarters (220 East 42nd Street), on the draft decision related to the report on the progress made on the Strategic Plan 2011-2013.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 23 May 2012

Group of 77 (on the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

OIC Group (Sixth Committee experts)

10.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (meeting of the New York Committee)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Other activities

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Wednesday, 23 May 2012

Friends of the International Criminal Court (meeting with President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute) (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Alice Revell, Permanent Mission of New Zealand (e-mail alice.revell@mfat.govt.nz; tel. 1 (212) 317-3095).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Wednesday, 23 May 2012

Stakeout – East Foyer of the General Assembly Building

11.15 a.m.[1]. . . . . H.E. Mr. Giulio Terzi de Sant'Agata, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

1.30 p.m.. . . . . H.E. Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), President of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation; Ms. Amina Mohamed, Deputy Executive Director, UNEP; Ms. Tomoko Nishimoto, Director of the Division of Regional Cooperation, UNEP; and Mr. Yiping Zhou, Director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (to launch the South-South Cooperation Exchange Mechanism, a UNEP online initiative)

Second floor stakeout (NLB)

12.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Gonzalo de Benito, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Spain

[1] Approximately.

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 24 May 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

3 p.m. . . . . 110th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: draft resolution (A/66/L.48)[1] . . . . . [14]
2. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/66/316/Rev.1/Add.1) . . . . . [114 (a)]
3. Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: note by the Secretary-General (A/66/802) . . . . . [115 (h)]

[1]To be issued.

Main Committees

First Committee

Informal consultations

The Chair of the First Committee will hold informal consultations with the regional groups on the participation of civil society in the work of the Committee, as follows: on Thursday, 24 May 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) (with the Group of Western European and Other States); and from 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) (with the Group of Eastern European States); and on Friday, 25 May 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB) (with the Group of African States). All interested delegations are encouraged to attend.

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold its 36th meeting on Thursday, 24 May 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 36th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its third round of informal informal negotiations on the draft outcome document from Tuesday, 29 May, to Saturday, 2 June 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

The draft the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site, at the following address: <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also reminded that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the

draft outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the session in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets, to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal is available for delegations participating in the session of the Preparatory Committee, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).

[1]The Portal is an initiative of the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat, Meetings and Publishing Division, DGACM. Application development and hosting for the Portal are provided by the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Management, with branding and graphic design provided by the Graphic Design Unit, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Thirteenth meeting

The thirteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held from Tuesday, 29 May, to 1 June 2012. The meeting will be convened on Tuesday, 29 May 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 65/37 A (A/RES/65/37) and 66/231 (A/RES/66/231), the meeting will focus its discussions on the topic "Marine renewable energies".

The format and annotated provisional agenda of the meeting are contained in document A/AC.259/L.13. The report of the Secretary-General on oceans and the law of the sea which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting is contained in document A/67/79. Both documents and other relevant information are available on the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs <www.un.org/Depts/los>. Delegations are also invited to consult the Web site for additional information regarding the panellists.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting to the Division *by Friday, 25 May 2012* (room DC2-450; fax 1 (212) 963-5847).

Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-5915).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the Meeting can be consulted at <www.un.org/depts/los/consultative_process/consultative_process.htm>.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly

resolution 54/237 C (A/RES/54/237 A-C), in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should have been received by the President of the General Assembly by Friday, 18 May 2012. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B (A/RES/57/4 B), as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248 (A/RES/64/248). Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Annual session of 2012

The annual session of 2012 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held from Tuesday, 29, to Thursday, 31 May 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB), and on Friday, 1 June, in Conference Room 6 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2012/L.3. To consult the documentation for the session, please *click here*.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties
Twenty-second Meeting

The Twenty-second Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held at Headquarters, from Monday, 4, to Monday, 11 June 2012. The Meeting will be convened on Monday, 4 June, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The provisional agenda of the Meeting is contained in document SPLOS/L.69.

In connection with item 9 of the provisional agenda (Election of 21 members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf), States parties are reminded that the election will take place during the Meeting. With regard to the composition of delegations, States parties that have not yet done so are requested to submit their credentials, *no later than Thursday, 31 May 2012*, to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (room DC2-450). Credentials should be submitted in due form as required by rule 13 of the rules of procedure for the Meeting of States Parties (SPLOS/2/Rev.4).

Furthermore, in relation with item 10 of the provisional agenda (Commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea), delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to

contact the Division and provide a copy of their statement (e-mail ahreum.lee@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2872) (copies for distribution at the meeting are to be provided by the delegation).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Liberia configuration

An informal meeting of the Liberia configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Thursday, 24 May 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Informal informal consultations

Informal informal consultations on the draft ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Raymond Landveld (Suriname), will be held in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on Thursday, 24 May 2012, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Friday, 25 May, from 10 to 11.30 a.m.

Briefing

An informal briefing, convened by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Fernando Arias (Spain), will be held on Friday, 25 May 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations", which will be presented by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs at the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2012 substantive session of the Council. An advance copy of the report will be available before the briefing at the Web site of the Economic and Social Council.

Joint meeting with the Peacebuilding Commission

The Economic and Social Council and the Peacebuilding Commission will hold a joint meeting on "Partnerships for job creation for young people in countries emerging from conflict" on Monday, 4 June 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), and the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, H.E. Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen (Bangladesh).

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268) or Mr. Paolo Fontana (e-mail fontana@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4222).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Annual session

The 2012 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 5, to Friday, 8 June 2012, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/9.

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_61796.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; or fax 1 (212) 326-7096), *no later than Friday, 25 May 2012*. In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold informal consultations, as indicated below. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Tuesday, 29 May 2012, in Conference Room E (NLB), from 10 to 11.30 a.m.: Evaluation of UNDP partnerships with global funds and philanthropic foundations and management responses; and from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Evaluation of UNDP contribution to strengthening electoral systems and processes and management response;

Wednesday, 30 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the LRC-Conference Room, 11th Floor, FF-Building (304 East 45th Street): Joint UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF informal consultation on cost recovery;

Thursday, 31 May 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m., in the LRC-Conference Room, 11th Floor, FF-Buiiding (304 East 45th Street): Joint UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS informal consultation on disclosure; and

Monday, 4 June 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB), from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.: Matters to be taken at its 2012 annual session; and from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Draft decisions to be considered at the annual session.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (under agenda item 63 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Egypt)

Thursday, 24 May 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies" (under agenda item 32) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in its capacity as chair of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies)

Friday, 25 May 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy" (under agenda item 118) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

Friday, 25 May 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 25 May 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting) (at the expert level)

Friday, 25 May 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Impact of public-private partnerships in education: An evidence-based approach" (co-organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the IDP Foundation)

Friday, 25 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact to Ms. Janae Bushman, UNESCO New York Office (e-mail ej.bushman@unesco.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers (General Assembly resolution 57/129 (A/RES/57/129)) (organized by the Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO))

Wreath-laying ceremony

Tuesday, 29 May 2012, from 9.15 to 9.30 a.m., in the Visitors' Lobby, General Assembly Building.

Dag Hammarskjöld medal ceremony

Tuesday, 29 May 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Medal parade

Tuesday, 29 May 2012, from 2 to 4.30 p.m., on the plaza between the General Assembly and the North Lawn Buildings.

[All are invited to attend these events. For further information, please contact Col. Carlos Borja, DPKO (e-mail borjac@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3849); or Col. Fernando Tomé, DPKO (e-mail tomef@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3951).]

Arria Formula meeting of the Security Council on "The peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution: Mediation, judicial settlement and justice" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan)

Wednesday, 30 May 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Members of the permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as well as representatives of international organizations and non-governmental organizations, are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Elchin Huseynli, Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan (e-mail elchin.n.h@gmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 738-6261).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Annual session 2012
United Nations Office at Geneva

The 2012 annual session of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will take place from Monday, 25, to Friday, 29 June 2012, at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The provisional annotated agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session will be issued in document DP/2012/L.2.

Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the secretariat of the Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org); fax 1 (212) 906-5634. Delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene, *no later than Friday, 15 June 2012*.

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Social Networking 101: A user guide to the United Nations Library's social media tools (10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 24 May 2012; and

Tuesday, 5 June 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Thursday, 24 May 2012;

Tuesday, 26 June 2012; and

Thursday, 28 June 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 4 to 5 p.m.)

Monday, 4 June 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 6 June 2012 *(English)*;

Thursday, 21 June 2012 *(French)*; and

Tuesday, 19 June 2012 *(Spanish)*.

Advanced researching using non-UN Databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 7 June 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Friday, 8 June 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Tuesday, 12 June 2012 *(English)*

United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 13 June 2012.

United Nations Info Quest (UN-I-QUE) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 20 June 2012.

Introduction to E-Books (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 26 June 2012.

Economic and Social Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 27 June 2012 *(English)*;

Thursday, 28 June 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Friday, 29 June 2012 *(French)*.

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly *(reminder)*

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft Word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

To be received by Thursday, 31 May 2012:

Resolution 66/24, para. 3, entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security" (A/RES/66/24),

adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/21-2012/IT dated 16 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/25, paras. 10 and 11, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East" (A/RES/66/25), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/03-2012/NWFZME dated 13 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/46, para. 3, entitled "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*" (A/RES/66/46), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/02-2012/ICJ dated 10 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/31, para. 4, entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control" (A/RES/66/31), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/23-2012/EN dated 16 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/32, para. 8, entitled "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation" (A/RES/66/32), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/22-2012/ML dated 16 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/38, para. 8, entitled "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context" (A/RES/66/38), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/07/2012 dated 15 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/50, para. 5, entitled "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction" (A/RES/66/50), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/04-2012/WMDT dated 13 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/63, para. 8, entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" (A/RES/66/63), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/08-2012/SSCMR dated 14 February 2012 refers); and

Resolution 65/77, paras. 2 and 3, entitled "United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education" (A/RES/65/77), adopted on 8 December 2010 (Note verbale ODA/27-2012/DNP dated 27 February 2012 refers).

To be received by Friday, 1 June 2012:

Resolution 65/55, paras. 2, 3 and 7, entitled "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium" (A/RES/65/55), adopted on 8 December 2010 (Note verbale ODA/19-2012/ADU dated 7 March 2012 refers).

2012 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, Bangkok, Thailand

Applications for the 2012 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, scheduled to be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Thailand in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 12, to Friday, 30 November 2012, are now being accepted from candidates from Member States of the United Nations that are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific S.ates (and from Kiribati). The deadline for applications is *Friday, 29 June 2012*.

The Regional Course will be conducted in English. For further information, including applications forms, please consult the Regional Course Web site <www.un.org/law/rcil/asia>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 22 May 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

35th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [131]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of External Audit (China), Chair of the Audit Operations Committee, Mr. Liu Yu, introduced the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board on enhancing accountability, transparency and cost-effectiveness in the United Nations system – Proposal to clarify and enhance the role of the Board of Auditors in the conduct of performance audits (A/66/747 and A/66/747/Corr.1).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/66/806).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would be coordinated by Mr. Amr El-Hamamy (Egypt).

International residual mechanism for criminal tribunals . . . . . [129]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, introduced the report of the Secretary-General on construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch (A/66/754).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/66/807).

A statement was made by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, responded to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be coordinated by Ms. Norfarina Mohd. Azmee (Malaysia).

Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 . . . . . [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Special political missions

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, introduced the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council – Office of the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States

on the Syrian Crisis and the Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan (A/66/354/Add.7*).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/66/7/Add.24).

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)), Mexico, the Syrian Arab Republic and Brazil.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question at this stage.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be coordinated by Mr. Jan de Preter (Belgium).

The Chair further informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda item 146 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations) (Cross-cutting issues), would be held in Conference Room 5 (NLB), following the adjournment of the formal meeting.

General Assembly

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Seventeenth session

1st meeting

Opening of the session . . . . . [1]

The session was opened by H.E. Mr. John William Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), President of the seventeenth session, who made a statement.

Election of officers other than the President

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Attila Zimonyi (Hungary) as Vice President.

The Committee also elected by acclamation Mr. Joshua Mwangi Mugodo (Kenya) as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to the designation by the President of Vice-President, Ms. Alison Chartres (Australia), as Chair of the Working Group.

The representative of Peru made a statement.

Statement by the President of the General Assembly

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Statement by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme made an opening statement.

The Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme also made a statement.

Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, the new directions strategy for South-South cooperation and the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South- South Cooperation (SSC/17/1) . . . [2]

Actions arising from previous sessions of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, notably at its sixteenth session in 2010 (SSC/17/3) . . . . . [3]

Consideration of reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (SSC/17/2) . . . . . [4]

(a) Implementation by the organizations of the United Nations development system of the Guidelines for the Review of Policies and Procedures concerning Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

(b) Organizational, administrative and financial arrangements of the United Nations Development Programme in support of South-South cooperation

The Committee began its general discussion on agenda items 2, 3 and 4.

The Director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), introduced the items and the documents thereon.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (also on behalf of the acceding countries of Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland and Serbia; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia), Nepal (on behalf of the least developed countries), the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the landlocked countries), Egypt, China, Guinea, Nicaragua, India, Peru, Indonesia and Bangladesh.

The Director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation responded to points raised in the discussion.

2nd meeting

The Committee resumed its general discussion on agenda items 2, 3 and 4.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Cuba, Chile, Pakistan, Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Costa Rica, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Turkey.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Partners in Population and Development and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The Director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), responded to points raised in the discussion.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2012 resumed session

20th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification . [3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Turkey, Bulgaria, Pakistan, China, the Russian Federation, Cuba, Belgium, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Morocco, the Sudan and the United States, as well as by the observers for Germany, the United Kingdom and Austria.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to nine non-governmental organizations.

21st meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Nicaragua, Belgium, Israel, the United States, Cuba, Pakistan, China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, India, the Russian Federation and Turkey.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The representatives of the Sudan, India and Israel posed questions to the representative of the Hokok Coalición Internacional Contra la Impunidad.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 17 non-governmental organizations.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 22 May 2012

General Assembly

International Law Commission
Sixty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

3132nd meeting

Visit of the Legal Counsel

The Legal Counsel made a statement informing the Commission of the activities of the Office of Legal Affairs and recent developments of international law in the context of the United Nations. An exchange of views followed.

Programme, procedures, working methods of the Commission and its documentation [8]

The Chair of the Planning Group announced the following composition of the Planning Group: *Chair*: Mr. Bernd Niehaus; *Members*: Mr. Pedro Comissário Afonso, Mr. Abdelrazeg El-Murtadi Suleiman Gouider, Ms. Concepción Escobar Hernández, Mr. Mathias Forteau, Mr. Hussein A. Hassouna, Mr. Mahmoud D. Hmoud, Ms. Marie G. Jacobsson, Mr. Kriangsak Kittichaisaree, Mr. Donald M. McRae, Mr. Shinya Murase, Mr. Sean D. Murphy, Mr. Georg Nolte, Mr. Ki Gab Park, Mr. Chris Maina Peter, Mr. Ernest Petrič, Mr. Gilberto V. Saboia, Mr. Narinder Singh, Mr. Dire D. Tladi, Mr. Eduardo Valencia-Ospina, Mr. Nugroho Wisnumurti, Mr. Michael Wood and Mr. Pavel Šturma (ex officio).

The Commission decided to appoint Mr. Kriangsak Kittichaisaree as Chair of the Working Group for the topic "The obligation to extradite or prosecute *(aut dedere aut judicare)*".

The Commission decided to appoint Ms. Concepción Escobar Hernández as Special Rapporteur for the topic "Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction" to replace Mr. Roman A. Kolodkin.

The Commission decided to include the topic "Provisional application of treaties" in the current programme of work and decided to appoint Mr. Juan Manuel Gón.ez-Robledo as Special Rapporteur for the topic.

The Commission also decided to include the topic "Formation and evidence of customary international law" in the current programme of work and decided to appoint Mr. Michael Wood as Special Rapporteur for the topic.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

3rd Meeting

Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels . . . . . [2]

The Commission resumed consideration of agenda item 2.

Statements were made by Dr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU); Mr. Jānis Kārkliņš, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); Mr. Ali Ghodbani, Chair and CEO, Tunisie Telecom; and Dr. David Souter, ict Development Associates.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Austria, Finland, Tunisia, Portugal. Brazil, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Cuba and the United States.

A statement was made by the representative of the Economic Commission for Africa.

Statements were also made by the representatives of IT for Change and the Association for Progressive Communication.

Mr. Peter Major (Hungary), Vice-Chair, introduced the report of the Chair of the Working Group on Improvement to the Internet Governance Forum (A/67/65–E/2012/48).

Statements were made by Ms. Marilia Maciel, Project Leader and Researcher, Center for Technology and Society, Fundação Getulio Vargas; Mr. Baher Esmat, Manager, Regional Relations Middle East, ICANN; Ms. Marilyn Cade, Principal and CEO, MCADE LLC.; and Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, Executive Director, Association for Progressive Communications.

4th meeting

Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels . . . . . [2]

The Commission began its discussion on the report of the Chair of the Working Group on Improvement to the Internet Governance Forum and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Sri Lanka, the United States, Finland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, Switzerland, Mexico and Portugal.

Statements were also made by the representative of the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as the representative of the International Chamber of Commerce.

A statement was made by the representative of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations.

Open consultations on enhanced cooperation on international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet

The Chair made a statement and introduced the report of the Chair on the open consultations on enhanced cooperation on international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet (E/CN.16/2012/CRP.2).

The Commission held a briefing on the open consultations on enhanced cooperation on international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.

Presentations were made by Ms. Emily Taylor, Internet Governance Consultant; Mr. Parminder Singh, Executive Director, IT for Change; and Ms. Theresa Swinehart, Director, Global Internet Policy, Verizon Communications.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Saudi Arabia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, South Africa, Brazil, the United States, the Russian Federation, Portugal, China, Sri Lanka, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Peru and France.

A statement was also made by the representative of Internet Society.

Organization of work

The Commission appointed Mr. Peter Major (Hungary), Vice-Chair, to facilitate the draft resolution on the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, under agenda item 2; and Mr. Andrew Reynolds (United States), Vice-Chair, to facilitate the draft resolution on science and technology for development, under agenda item 3.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Suriname (18 May 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Food Assistance Convention
London, 25 April 2012

Opening for signature

The Food Assistance Convention was adopted on 25 April 2012 at London.

In accordance with its article 12, the "Convention shall be open for signature by Argentina, Australia, the Republic of Austria, the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, Canada, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the European Union, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Finland, the French Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic

Republic, Hungary, Ireland, the Italian Republic, Japan, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Slovenia, the Kingdom of Spain, the Kingdom of Sweden, the Swiss Confederation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 11 June 2012 until 31 December 2012".

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the English and French texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be distributed as soon as possible. Electronic copies of the Convention are posted on the Web site of the United Nations Treaty Collection <http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/signature/2012/CTC_XIX-48.pdf>.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Convention must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if the States and the international organization to which the Convention is open for signature and wishing to sign could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* accessible on the Web site of the United Nations Treaty Collection at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *May 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Angola

H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins

Asia-Pacific States:

Myanmar

H.E. Mr. Than Swe

Eastern European States:

Hungary

H.E. Mr. Csaba Kőrösi

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Guyana
H.E. Mr. George Wilfred Talbot

Western European and other States:
Switzerland
H.E. Mr. Paul Seger

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

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Department of Political Affairs
<www.un.org/depts/dpa>

Presidency of the Security Council
<www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>

Security Council
<www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
<www.un.org/sc/1540/>

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

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<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

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International Court of Justice
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Journal of the United Nations
<www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp>

United Nations Press Releases
<www.un.org/en/unpress/index.asp>

United Nations Webcast
<www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html>

Yearbook of the United Nations
<http://unyearbook.un.org>

UN Chronicle
<www.un.org/chronicle>

Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 22 May 2012

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations <http://documents.un.org> in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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A/66/6/Add.1	Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 — Supplement No. 6 [A C E F R S] — *127 pages*
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-sixth session
A/66/7/Add.24	Item 134 — Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: Office of the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States on the Syrian Crisis and Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan — Twenty-fifth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
A/66/316/Rev.1/Add.1	Item 114 (a) — Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections — Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
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	the resolutions of the United Nations — Letter dated 3 May 2012 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
A/66/800	Item 34 — Prevention of armed conflict — Letter dated 9 May 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *12 pages*
A/66/806	Item 131 — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Report of the Board of Auditors on enhancing accountability, transparency and cost-effectiveness in the United Nations system: proposal to clarify and enhance the role of the Board of Auditors in the conduct of performance audits — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S] — *12 pages*
	Sixty-seventh session
A/67/81–E/2012/62	Item 20 of the preliminary list — Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference — Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (New York, 12 and 13 March 2012) [A C E F R S] — *14 pages*

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2012/312	Identical letters dated 11 May 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
S/2012/332	Letter dated 4 May 2012 from the President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
S/2012/333	Identical letters dated 17 May 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2012/337	Portugal: draft resolution [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
S/RES/2048 (2012)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6774th meeting, on 18 May 2012 [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

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